PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 307

SENATE BILL NO. 828

By Burchett, Cooper, Kilby, Bunch, Tate, Woodson, Marrero, Burks, Lowe Finney

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2090

By Maddox, Ferguson, Ford, Eldridge, Gresham, Shaw, Todd, Lois DeBerry, Coley, Sargent, Sherry Jones, Strader

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 68, Chapter 11 and Section 71-5-105, relative to ICF/MR beds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-105, is amended by adding a new subsection (c):

(c) Notwithstanding any authority to the contrary, Division of Mental Retardation Services (DMRS) public ICF/MR non-facility beds established pursuant to federal litigation settlements or orders arising out of the cases <u>United States v. State of Tennessee</u>, No. 92-2062 (W.D. TN) [Arlington Lawsuit], or <u>People First, et al., v. Clover Bottom Developmental Center, et al.</u>, No. 3:95-1227 (M.D. TN) [Clover Bottom Lawsuit], shall be exempt from all requirements and processes for the application and granting of certificates of need as set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607. The establishment of all private ICF/MR non-facility beds remains subject to certificate of need requirements and processes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 16, 2007

RON RAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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APPROVED this 31st day of May 2007

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR